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Dear Sir.

The Official Gazette, dated April 18, 2006, shows the oldest case awaiting action in this Art Unit is dated April 30, 2004 which is later than the filing date of this case. Please advice when we may expect an Action on the merits in this case.

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